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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any one of claims 2-10" and insert -- claim 2 --.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any one of claims 2-10" and insert -- claim 2 --.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "or 12".

Claim 14, line 1, delete "any one of claims 11 to 13" and insert -- claim 2 --.

Claim 17, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 19, line 1, delete "any preceding" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 19" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Add the following new claim:

-- 28. The method according to claim 12 wherein the gene encodes for a pro- α chain or derivative thereof comprising a C-terminal propeptide domain from one type of pro- α chain and an α chain from another type of pro- α chain. --.

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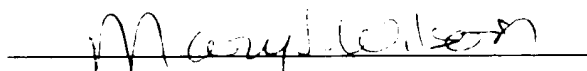
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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